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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Ulrich Riegel et al.

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For: Swellable Hydrogel-Forming Polymers

Having a Low Fraction of Fines

Examiner: Liam J. Heincer

## **AMENDMENT "A"**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action of October 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.